

(c) REMARKS

The claims are 1 and 3-10 with claim 1 the sole independent claim. The subject matter of claim 2 has been added to claim 1. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to better define the intended invention. Reconsideration of the claims is expressly requested.

The Examiner objected to claim 1 under Rule 112, first paragraph, as requiring amounts of titanium and polyester resin as set forth on page 32, line 27 to page 33, line 17. Without agreeing or disagreeing and solely to expedite prosecution, claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to add the indicated amounts of titanium chelate and polyester resin unit. The objection should now be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating claims 2-4 and 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Consequently, all the claims are seen to be in condition for allowance.

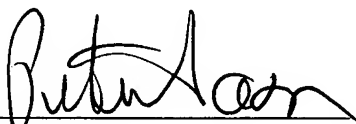
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9 and 10 as obvious over Hilbert '571 in view of Ohmatsuzawa et al. This rejection has been rendered moot by the above-noted amendment. This action has been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of art rejection, but strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issue.

Applicants may wish to file a divisional subject matter directed to the subject matter of original claims 1, 5, 9 and 10.

Accordingly, the claims should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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